http://www.tutorialspoint.com/eclipse/eclipse content assist.htm

Using Content Assist

Within an editor, content assist helps reduce the characters typed by providing a context sensitive list of possible completions to the characters already typed. The context assist can be invoked by pressing Ctrl + Space.

If you are editing the body of a method in the java editor and press Ctrl + Space on a new line it will bring up a dialog showing:

- The class variables
- The class methods
- Super class methods
- Other relevant classes

```
public class Employee {
     private Vector dependents;
     public void addDependent(Person p){
            o getClass(): Class<?> - Object - 73 %
}
            equals(Object obj): boolean - Object - 4 %
            o toString(): String - Object - 3 %
            op: Person
            dependents: Vector - Employee

    addDependent(Person p): void - Employee

            o clone(): Object - Object
            equals(Object obj): boolean - Object
            finalize(): void - Object
            getClass(): Class<?> - Object
            hashCode(): int - Object
            notifv(): void - Object
                                Press 'Ctrl+Space' to show Template Proposals
```

To select an item from the list just highlight the item using the up or down arrow keys and press enter.

If you type some characters and then press Ctrl + space the dialog box will show only items that start with the characters typed in.